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Institution: Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
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                           Pasadena, California 91125

Title of Project: The Quantum Dynamics of Chemical Reactions

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Principal Investigator: _____

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                           Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

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                           A. J. Lindstron, Director
                           Sponsored Research

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1. PROJECT ABSTRACT

The aim of the proposed research is the performance of quantum mechanical calculations of an exact and approximate nature of the cross sections and rate constants of elementary chemical reactions. These calculations are of importance for the fundamental understanding of the nature of chemical reactions and for advanced technologies of interest to the United States Air Force, such as high-energy chemical lasers, plume technology. and the chemical effects of high-energy radiation. The calculations include processes involving three atoms, such as exchange reactions, collision-induced dissociation, three-body recombination, electronic branching ratios, tunneling, and vibrational quenching by reaction. The goal of this work is to develop a detailed understanding of such processes and to generate benchmark results which can serve as a basis for testing the validity of approximate methods.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

We summarize here the progress of the last year in the work supported by this contract.

2.1 Quantum Mechanical Calculations of Three-Dimensional Reactive Scattering

We have previously developed[1] the conceptual and numerical methodology for performing accurate three-dimensional quantum-mechanical calculations of the corss sections of triatomic exchange reactions of the type $A + BC \rightarrow AB + C$, $AC + B$ and applied it to the $H + H_2$ system.[2] These are the only accurate three-dimensional differential reaction cross sections published so far. A modified version of the code was developed for systems of the type A_2B, in which one of the three atoms could be distinct from the other two. During the last year we have performed extensive test calculations on the H_2D system, i.e., on the reaction $H + DH \rightarrow H_2 + D$, $HD + H$, and studied in detail the number of rotational and vibrational basis sets and the matching program parameters required for achieving convergence of the results. This testing work was done on our VAX 11/780 computer. The production calculations that must be performed in the future are two lengthy for such a computer, and, as a result, we are transferring them to an IBM 3032 machine available for this purpose. This transfer required further modifications of the code, as the size of its fast memory is smaller than that of the VAX. The necessary modifications have been made and are currently being tested. We expect to reach production stage on the IBM computer for zero total angular momentum in the next few months. The process is lengthy and painstaking in view of the size and complexity of the codes.

2.2 The Use of Hyperspherical Coordinates for Collinear Exchange Reactions

We had previously developed a new method for performing quantum mechanical calculations on collinear triatomic collisions. Over the last year this method has been extensively tested on the $H + H_2$ and $F + H_2$ systems, and found to be significantly more efficient than previous ones. A description of it and new results on the $H + H_2$ system have been published,[3] and a reprint is appended. In particular, it requires fewer vibrational channels for convergence, compared with other methods. For the two systems just mentioned, about 1/2 the usual number is sufficient, and for a heavy-light-heavy type system, such as $I + HI$, 1/6 of the usual number does the job. Since the time required for such calculations typically increases with the cube of the number of coupled channels, the new method achieves time economies of 2^3 or more, which is a substantial improvement.

For heavy-light-heavy systems, such as $I + HI$, $I + HCl$, etc., the usual methods not only require large numbers of coupled channels (40 or more), but also have great difficulty in yielding reliable results. The central reason is the smallness of the skew angle of the corresponding potential energy surfaces, which is only $7°$ for the $I + HI$ system (as compared with $60°$ for $H + H_2$). The hyperspherical coordinate method has no special difficulties with such a system and has yielded high quality results for $I + HI$ using only six coupled channels. The corresponding results and discussion have been published recently,[4] and a reprint is appended.

The method of hyperspherical coordinates permits calculations to be done at high energies without deterioration of the quality of the results. We have calculated from such results deactivation rates for vibrationally excited H_2 (v) molecules by reactive and nonreactive collinear collisions with H atoms

over the temperature range 200°K to 2000°K for v = 1 through 5. The corres-
ponding Arrhenius plots show noticeable curvature at high temperatures and
obey an exponential gap law quite well.

A system of considerable experimental[5] and theoretical[6] interest is the
Cl + HCl → ClH + Cl, another heavy-light-heavy system, with a skew angle of
13.5°. We have performed reaction probability and rate constant calculations
on this system on two LEPS surfaces, with barrier heights of 6.2 and 1.9 kcal/
mole, respectively. We found that the rate constant for reaction of HCl (v = 1)
is higher than that of HCl (v = 0) for the larger barrier height surface, but that
the reverse is true for the lower one. In fact, the HCl (v = 1) rate on the low
barrier surface is smaller than on the high barrier one. This is an unusual
result, related to the heavy-light-heavy nature of the system.

Reactions of the general type X + HY(v) → XH + Y, where X and Y are
halogens, are of substantial experimental interest.[7] We have also performed
some preliminary calculations on the Cl + HBr system, which has a skew angle
of 11.5°. Convergence to about 1% in the translational energy range 0 to 0.4 eV
was achieved with six basis functions only, whereas the use of a previous
method based on the one developed in our laboratory required 40 basis functions,[8]
an additional demonstration of the superior efficiency of the hyperspherical
method.

2.3 The Use of Hyperspherical Coordinates for Collinear Collision-Induced Dissociation

We had previously developed a method for rigorously discretizing the
dissociation continuum in collision-induced dissociation and three-body recom-
bination processes. During the last year we obtained accurately converged
calculations for the collision-induced dissociation probabilities on a model

symmetric collinear potential energy surface. The method has functioned remarkably well, the probabilities having converged to within ± 0.02 for reagent translation energies up to three times the dissociation energy with only eight channels of each parity used to represent the continuum. The results are in press,[9] and a preprint is appended.

2.4 Collinear Reaction Probabilities for the H + HI → H_2 + I Reaction

This reaction is of considerable interest because its exothermicity is sufficient to produce electronically excited I atoms. As a preliminary step in its study, we have done calculations on a single electronically adiabatic potential energy surface, preparatory to a two-surface investigation. In a previous study of this system,[10] a potential energy surface having unrealistic wells in the reagent and product channel regions was used and resulted in pronounced sharp resonant structure. To avoid this, we constructed a more realistic surface, of the rotating Morse-cubic spline type,[11] devoid of such unphysical wells. The sharp resonances disappeared, as expected, and it was found that the bulk of the H_2 product was formed in the v = 2 state. This finding may be a useful guide for the deisgn of crossed beam experiments on this important system.

2.5 Three-Dimensional Reactive Scattering Calculations Using Symmetrized Hyperspherical Coordinates

Over the last year substantial progress was achieved in the application of the hyperspherical coordinate method to the three-dimensional H + H_2 reaction. The changes indicated in the last progress report, involving a modification of the method used for calculating the surface functions, were implemented. They resulted in conservation of flux for zero angular momentum quantum number of 1% or better, converged with respect to the number of

basis functions. We find that ten such channels are sufficient over the 0.3 to 0.7 eV total energy range, whereas previously 30 to 40 channels were necessary.[2] This is a significant improvement of efficiency, which can result in a decrease of computer time by a factor in excess of 10. However, the results differ by about 10% from those obtained previously. We believe that this difference is due to a deterioration of the quality of the surface functions for hyperdistances in excess of 5 bohr, and we are currently implementing a change in this calculation for such distances aimed at correcting this defect. It is expected that the code will become operational in the not too distant future.

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

We intent to continue in the next year or two to do research along the lines described in the proposal dated 31 August 1976, as follows:

1. Continue the three-dimensional calculation on the $D + H_2$ system in order to generate differential and integral cross sections and rate constants, comparing them with those for $H + H_2$, to obtain accurate isotope effects on the same potential energy surface. Also, we will test the validity of isotope effect theories.

2. Perform three-body recombination calculations on the same collinear surface for which collision-induced dissociation calculations were performed last year. Also, study the partitioning of reagent translational energy among the products of collision-induced dissociation.

3. Do a systematic study on the dynamic characteristics of the $X + HY \rightarrow XH + Y$ collinear reactions, where X and Y are halogen atoms, as a function of features of the potential energy surface, using the new hyperspherical coordinate method.

4. Study the electronic branching ratio for the collinear $H + HI \rightarrow H_2 + I$ $(^2P_{3/2}, ^2P_{1/2})$ reaction for model coupling surfaces, to elucidate the conditions under which the production of electronically excited products is formed.

5. Continue the development of the three-dimensional hyperspherical coordinate code and apply it to the $H + H_2$ and $D + H_2$ reactions as benchmark systems. Also, extend it to the $T + HD$ one. Evaluate its convergence with respect to size of basis set and its computational efficiency.

6. Perform j_z-conserving three-dimensional approximate calculations based on the older arrangement channel method[1,2] and the newer

hyperspherical method, as well as corresponding first-order perturbation calculations whose reference potential contains the important dynamic features of the correct potential.

7. Perform accurate three-dimensional calculations on the $Cl + H_2$ reaction at low energies by either the arrangement channel or hyperspherical coordinate methods.

8. Perform calculations on streamlines of probability current density and tunneling fractions in order to assess the reaction pathways on the potential energy surface for the reactions mentioned in 3 above.

The order in which these several projects will be pursued will depend on available manpower and relative progress, but it is expected that a significant effort will be carried on on most, if not all, of them.

4. SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

The Project Director will continue to be Professor Aron Kuppermann, whose curriculum vitae and publications list were included in the proposal dated 31 August 1976. The following additional personnel are currently working on different facets of the project.

Dr. Joseph K. C. Wong, postdoctoral fellow, full-time

Dr. Nancy M. Harvey, postdoctoral fellow, 1/3 time

Mr. Jack A. Kaye, graduate student

Ms. Diane M. Hood, graduate student

Mr. Huey-Jenn Chiang, graduate student

Mr. Loudon L. Campbell, undergraduate student.

5. BUDGET (AFOSR): 1 July 1981 through 30 June 1982

Salaries

Aron Kuppermann, Principal Investigator		$ 5,600
One Postdoctoral Research Fellow, full-time, 12 months @ $13,500/year		13,500
Two Graduate Research Assistants, full-time 12 months @ $6060/year		12,120
Secretary, 12 months, 1/4 time		4,800
	Total Salaries	$36,020

Staff Benefits

24.6% of Total Salaries	8,861

Supplies and Expense

Stationery supplies, photocopying, graphic arts, illustrations	1,700
Page charges and reprint costs for publications	1,200

Computing Costs

700 hours @ $14/hour (DEC VAX 11/780)	9,800

Travel - Domestic

Meetings and Conferences		1,500
	Total Direct Costs	$59,081

Overhead

48% of Total Direct Costs		28,359
	TOTAL COSTS	$87,440

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Project:	Experimental investigations on electron impact and laser spectroscopy

National Science Foundation

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